

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 505 - HB 699**

March 4, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a Johnson County general sessions judge, upon adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds majority of the county legislative body, to devote full time duties to the office. Prohibits such general sessions judge from the practice of law or any other employment which conflicts with the performance duties as a judge.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$87,400/Permissive/Johnson County/  
FY21-22 and Subsequent Years**

**Assumptions:**

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 16-15-5006(a), each county shall be responsible for paying the base salary for all the general sessions judges in the county.
- There is one general sessions court judge within Johnson County.
- Based on the Comptroller of the Treasury's *Annual Financial Report Johnson County, Tennessee 2020*, the general sessions court judge's salary was \$96,445.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 16-15-5003(j), a general sessions court judge's salary may not exceed that of a circuit court judge.
- The current salary of a circuit court judge is \$183,852.
- It is assumed that the judge's salary will be increased to a similar level and that additional costs will be incurred for benefits associated with such salary increase.
- Therefore, the proposed language will result in a recurring permissive increase in local government expenditures to Johnson County in FY21-22 and subsequent years estimated to exceed \$87,407 (\$183,852 - \$96,445).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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